

Anderson County News

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DCP SIGNUP CONTINUES THROUGH JUNE 1, 2006

We are currently enrolling farms in the Direct and Counter-cyclical Payment (DCP) Program for the 2006 program year. Enrollment is required by June 1 each year to earn DCP program payments. The first half of the 2006 payment may be requested in any month from December, 2005 to September, 2006. The last half of the payment will be paid in October, 2006. If you do not request an advance payment, the entire payment will be issued in October, 2006. DCP signup is normally initiated by the farm operator, and the landlord's signature is obtained by the operator, or mailed for signature. Please call for an appointment so we can have the papers ready to sign when you get here, and let us know if there are any farm changes from the prior year. Signup for 2006 DCP is also available online if you are registered to use e-gov. Contact the office for more information about the e-gov initiative, or go to www.eauth.egov.usda.gov.

2006 LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP) REQUESTS

We are having producers sign a CCC-633 EZ, Page 1, when signing up for the 2006 DCP program. This form needs to be filed in the county office before any 2006 grain is sold or beneficial interest is lost. Page 2 of the CCC-633 EZ is the request for payment, and needs to be filed each time you submit a load summary sheet. Several producers sent load summary sheets to our office without signing a Page 2. These will not be paid until a Page 2 is signed requesting the payment. When submitting load summary sheets, please make sure we can identify what day you lost beneficial interest in the bushels, since this is what determines the payment rate for grain already sold or beneficial interest was otherwise lost prior to the date of the LDP request. If the grain is in open storage or "unallocated" when you sign the request, you will be paid the rate in effect on the date of the LDP request. To lock in the rate for grain in open storage, "unallocated", or stored on the farm, the LDP request must be received in the office by close of business, or be faxed to the office and received before 6:00 a.m. the next morning. Our fax number is (785)448-5559.

2005 LOAN AND LOAN DEFICIENCY PAYMENT (LDP) DEADLINES APPROACHING

For producers who filed a CCC-633 EZ Page 1 for the 2005 crop year, the last day to provide the production evidence for wheat, oats, and barley and request payment by signing a CCC-633 EZ, Page 2, is March 31, 2006. The deadline for corn, milo, and soybeans is May 31, 2006. These are also the last days to request 9-month marketing loans for farm stored or warehouse stored 2005 crop production.

January 31, 2006 is the last day for sheep producers to request LDP for 2005 production.

WHEAT ACREAGE REPORTING DEADLINE MAY 31

May 31, 2006 is the last day to timely report your wheat, barley, and oats acreage. Small grain acres reported after May 31 will require the payment of a late fee to cover the cost of verifying residue in the field. Acreage reports are required to maintain your eligibility for the Direct and Counter-cyclical Program (DCP), loans and loan deficiency payments (LDP's), Conservation Reserve Program (CRP), Noninsured Crop Assistance Program (NAP), and other benefits. August 1, 2006 is the deadline to report all other crops and land uses.



HABITAT BUFFERS FOR UPLAND BIRDS

Continuous CRP Signup is ongoing for high priority practices. Filter strips have historically been the most requested practice in Anderson County, but CP-33, Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds, has made up the bulk of the requests since being available in October, 2004. The purpose of this practice is to provide food and cover for quail, upland birds, and other species. Strips from 30 to 120 feet may be placed around the entire perimeter of the field, and does not need to be near a water body like filter strips. Acreage must have cropping history during 4 of the 6 years from 1996 to 2001. **Kansas is limited to 20,000 acres, and there were only 2,774 acres remaining as of January 17, 2006. Please contact the office as soon as possible if you're interested in planting quail buffers on your farm.**



WOMEN MANAGING THE FARM CONFERENCE IN WICHITA FEBRUARY 17 & 18

Women Managing the Farm is a 1-1/2 day conference developed for all women involved in a farming operation, from the full-time manager, to the absentee landowner. There will be twelve workshops and four field explorations during the conference along with excellent keynote speakers. Chartered busses are available from Oklahoma City, Garden City, Goodland, and Lawrence to bring participants to the event free of charge. The busses are on a first come/first serve basis. Participants will need to submit the registration form contained in the brochure along with the \$50 registration fee. Participants that stay in the hotel will have to pay the \$69 plus tax room charge. Registration and hotel reservations must be completed by February 9, 2006. More information on the conference can be found at website www.k-state.edu/farmksu/wmfconf.htm or call the Kansas Rural Family Helpline at 1-866-327-6578, e-mail farmksu@humecc.ksu.edu, or call FSA at 448-3128.

IMPORTANT DATES

February 17-18 – *Women Managing the Farm* Conference in Wichita
February 20 – Office Closed for Presidents' Day
March 31 – Last Day to Request Loan or LDP for Wheat, Oats, and Barley
May 31 - Last Day to Request Loan or LDP for Corn, Milo, and Soybeans
May 31 – Acreage Reports Due for Wheat, Oats, and Barley
June 1 – Last Day for Enrollment in 2005 DCP (\$100 per Farm Late Fee After June 1)
August 1 – Acreage Reports Due for Corn, Milo, Soybeans, and All Other Land Uses
Ongoing - Signup for Habitat Buffers for Upland Birds & other Continuous CRP Practices